

INNOVATION AGENDA FOR THE 115TH CONGRESS

ENHANCE AMERICA'S COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE

- **STEM Education.** Strengthen America's economic competitiveness by investing in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and workforce training.
- **High-skilled Immigration.** Improve the process for allowing high-skilled individuals to enter and stay in the United States to contribute to our economy in high-tech and other specialized fields.
- **End Visa Abuse.** Support initiatives to discourage firms from manipulating the high-skilled visa process to undercut domestic wages and displace American workers.

PROTECT AMERICAN INNOVATION AND INVENTIVENESS

- **Copyright Modernization.** Promote efforts to update and digitize the nation's copyright system.
- **Patent Reform.** Pass legislation to reduce the prevalence of abusive patent suits and preserve incentives for innovation.
- **Basic Research.** Encourage initiatives to maintain America's technological leadership by supporting basic research at American universities and national laboratories.
- **Federal IT Infrastructure.** Ensure that the federal government's IT infrastructure is up-to-date and adequately equipped to guard against cyber and other attacks.

SPUR HIGH-TECH INVESTMENT THROUGH TAX SYSTEM REFORMS

- **Corporate Tax Rate.** Keep American high-tech companies globally competitive by lowering the corporate tax rate.
- **Territorial System.** Consider transitioning to a territorial tax regime instead of imposing a tax on worldwide income.

SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE DATA STEWARDSHIP AT HOME AND ABROAD

- **ECPA Reform.** Update the Electronic Communications Privacy Act to require a warrant for all e-mail content within the United States.

- **ICPA.** Pass the International Communications Privacy Act to create a global framework for government access to data while appropriately safeguarding consumer privacy.
- **Cross-Border Data Flows.** Encourage efforts to protect legitimate cross-border data transfers through frameworks that preserve both privacy and security interests.
- **Secure Communications.** Promote awareness of the importance of strong encryption technology and facilitate efforts to protect such technology from unwarranted government intrusion.

PROMOTE CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE “INTERNET OF THINGS”

- **Device-to-Device Communications.** Support initiatives designed to spur continued American innovation in the field of device interconnectivity while appropriately accounting for privacy and security needs.
- **Regulatory Humility.** Continue to rely on existing legal solutions to address challenges while encouraging industry self-regulation and best practices.

ENSURE RESPONSIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES

- **Autonomous Vehicles.** Promote development of emerging autonomous vehicle technology in ways that foster safety, commercial viability, and continued innovation.
- **Unmanned Aircraft Systems.** Develop an appropriate regulatory framework to ensure safe commercial and non-commercial use of unmanned aircraft.

FOSTER A MODERN, COMPETITIVE, AND OPEN INTERNET

- **Broadband Investment.** Promote continued private-sector deployment of broadband connectivity to support innovation and economic growth.
- **Mobile Internet.** Encourage additional deployment of mobile online services and content, including increased access to licensed and unlicensed spectrum.
- **Free the Internet.** Preserve the open, competitive nature of the Internet against unnecessary government regulation while promoting continued development of innovative online services.

IMPROVE ANTITRUST REVIEW PROCESSES

- **Domestic Antitrust Review.** Promote responsible enforcement of our nation’s antitrust laws and support cost-effective measures to streamline the antitrust review process.
- **International Enforcement.** Work with trading partners to ensure fair, non-discriminatory application of competition laws in conformance with recognized due process norms.